

INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

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N = No Action Required
A = Action Requested

S = Staff has Responded
R = Response Required

Anne Browning
Box 465
Pritchard, BC
V0E 2P0

September 10, 2020

Salmon Arm City Hall
500 2 Ave NE
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4H2

Attention: City Council

Dear Sirs,

Re: Sherrie Favell (October 4, 1962 to March 27, 2020) Memorial Bench

I am a Co-Executrix for the estate of Sherrie Favell. I am writing to implore you to approve a memorial bench for Sherrie at McGuire Lake. During her lifetime Sherrie was active in, and a leader of, the Salmon Arm Community. She was relied on to lend her culinary and organizational skills to multiple charitable events and causes from 4H and the SPCA, to benefits for disadvantaged peoples, including the Food Bank. Sherrie never turned down an opportunity to contribute. She was referred to as "A real gem of the Shuswap" by the Salmon Arm Observer.

Sherrie battled cancer for fourteen years. It was her one consistent wish that when she passed, a bench would be placed at McGuire Lake so her friends and family, and those just passing by, could rest and enjoy the scenery.

Please consider this most deserving request for a memorial bench.

Sincerely,

Anne Browning
(604-880-3468)

Barb Puddifant

From: pamela Grayston <longdistance11@hotmail.com>
Sent: September-16-20 9:26 AM
To: Barb Puddifant
Subject: To mayor and council

Good morning, if possible I would like to reserve the picnic shelter at Blackburn Park from 3-5pm on the afternoon of Sat, Oct 3. My Dad has passed away and we wish to hold a small family only reception there after his memorial. There would be no more than 30 people there and we will practice social distancing. Also we will walk over as Dad's home was in Lynden Court so very close by. I appreciate your consideration in this matter and will wait for your answer, realising that will be after the council meeting.

Sincerely, Pam Grayston (778 242 0388)

September 21, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council

RE: Booking Request for Blackburn Park Picnic Shelter

My name is Pam Wenzel. I am a BCRPA certified fitness/dance instructor.

I would like to book the picnic shelter at Blackburn Park on the following dates and times to conduct my fitness class. I anticipate 10-12 ladies per day. A copy of my Liability Insurance, effective September 23, 2020 is attached.

Requested dates:

Tuesdays & Thursdays, October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

Time: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Thank you for your consideration,

Pam Wenzel,
BCRPA Fitness Instructor

(250) 833-8927
E: dancefitgirls123@gmail.com

DOWNTOWN
SALMON ARM

Mayor and Council
City of Salmon Arm
PO Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

September 14, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council

RE: Alexandra Plaza Holiday Programming

The Salmon Arm Downtown Improvement Association is requesting Alexander Street, between Hudson Avenue and Lakeshore Drive be closed to vehicle traffic and open to pedestrian traffic on Saturday November 28th from 9am – 5pm for the Downtown Light Up.

This day is an adapted version of the Winter Bonfire Night. There will be artisan vendors, hot roasted chestnuts and hot cocoa on the street and a family afternoon movie at the Salmar Classic.

The Tree Light Up will be at the Treble Clef, at 5pm.

We are wanting to continue with some traditions and holiday favourites, while being vigilant about CoVid health and safety protocols.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Lindsay Wong
Manager



Mayor and Council
City of Salmon Arm
PO Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

September 18, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council

RE: Disturbances Downtown

The Salmon Arm Downtown Business Improvement Association Board of Directors and its' members have concerns regarding the loitering of people around the Ross Street Plaza and adjacent streets. Their actions and behaviour have been observed as abrasive, erratic, extremely loud and at times, frightening or unnerving.

Public safety can be deemed at risk when some of these individuals are openly and randomly disturbing other members of the community as they go about their day.

We acknowledge some of these behaviours are rooted in deeper issues, such as mental illness, trauma or substance abuse, and we wish to work together to build a healthy and inclusive community for all. Our participation with the City's Social Impact Advisory Committee will continue, and we are open to working with other community groups to find long term solutions to these difficult problems.

We are requesting that the City continue to advocate for more support for mental illness treatments and care. We are also requesting enforcement of Park Regulation Bylaw No.2119, 1993 where it prohibits camping in parks or on public lands and frequent RCMP checks when required.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Respectfully,

Lindsay Wong

Manager

cc. Social Impact Advisory Committee – Councillor Louise Wallace-Richmond
RCMP – Staff Sergeant Scott West



September 22, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council:

Shuswap Food Action Society, in partnership with the Downtown Salmon Arm Association, is writing to request an extension to the Downtown Farmer's Market season at Ross Street Plaza. We were scheduled to close October 10th, but our vendors are requesting to stay open until October 31st, as we will not be able to do an indoor market this year. After the 10th, we would like to shorten the market hours from 9-12. This is also being done at the Enderby and Armstrong Farmer's Markets.

We've had a very successful season, given the circumstances of COVID-19, and had between 1,000-1,200 visitors on most weekends. Feedback from our vendors is that they are consistently earning more money at each market this year than last year. With help from the City of Salmon Arm, we purchased hand sanitizer and created signage to keep our customers safe. We also hired two students to work at sanitizing and counting customers, as well as organizing orders received on our online store. Although our online store was not well utilized this year, it has opened up conversation with our vendors about future opportunities with e-commerce.

A new program this year, our Shuswap Box, was created to allow customers to try products from different vendors and to learn about new vegetables and seasonal eating. Later, through a grant received from the Shuswap Community Foundation and the Government of Canada, and working with the Shuswap Community Resource Coalition, we were able to identify families in need and offer subsidized food boxes from three different Farmer's Market (10 weekly from the Sorrento Farmer's Market, 5 weekly from the Wednesday All-organic market, 15 from Downtown Salmon Arm Market). We are now starting another "Shuswap Box" program that will run through the Indigenous Education workers and counselling staff in SD 83, providing a "family-sized" Shuswap Box to families affected by COVID-19. Our market is also a member of the BC Association of Farmer's Market, and therefore runs the BC government-sponsored Nutrition Coupon Program that provides weekly \$25 vouchers for low-income people to buy fruits, vegetables, meat or eggs.

We are very grateful for the City of Salmon Arm's support of the Downtown Farmer's Market and the opportunity it provides to build community around food, increase the financial viability of small-scale farming and the resilience of our food system.

Sincerely,

Serena Caner
Shuswap Food Action Society

Healthy Communities

Monthly Newsletter



September 2020

Community Recognition

Village of Keremeos Adopts Anti-Racism Policy

Kudos to the Village of Keremeos for taking steps to dismantle systemic racism! In the Village's [July 6, 2020 council meeting](#), Council voted in favor of adopting an Anti-Racism Policy.

The anti-racism policy details scope, statement of principles, roles and responsibilities, and the complaint process for overt racism and racial discrimination for elected officials, village staff, and residents. This policy demonstrates leadership by holding elected officials and staff accountable as a part of the Village's actions to ensure people are treated fairly, regardless of race. Read more about it [here](#). (If you don't know, racism & discrimination are determinants of health)

Events & Learning Opportunities

Public Health 2020 Goes Virtual!



The Public Health 2020 National Conference, hosted by the Canadian Public Health Association, is going virtual this year! This conference aims to bring together public health professionals, researchers, policy-makers, academics, students and trainees for: sharing the latest research and information, promoting best practices, and advocating for public health issues and policies grounded in research. This conference is for anyone who is interested in improving the health and well-being of their communities. Please see this [link](#) for more information and to register for this vibrant, virtual learning environment that will be occurring on **October 14-16!**

Heads Up! Community Mental Health Summit



Mental health and well-being touches every part of our lives and is fundamental to successful, resilient communities. Fresh Outlook Foundation is hosting a virtual Community Mental Health Summit on **November 25 & 26**. This summit will convene people from all sectors, cultures, genders, and ages to connect in dynamic conversations about mental health challenges, triumphs, and opportunities at the individual, family, workplace, and community levels. Check out [this link](#) for more information.

Indigenous Climate Health Action: How to Adapt, Plan, and Inspire

Climate change affects physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health in many ways. The First Nations Health Authority's Environmental Public Health Services team is hosting this [upcoming webinar](#) on **September 23**. The purpose will be to discuss various climate change impacts on health within your region and share stories of projects that are working to reduce these impacts. Additionally, FNHA will be sharing information on their Indigenous Climate Health Action Program. To learn more about this program, check out this [webpage](#).

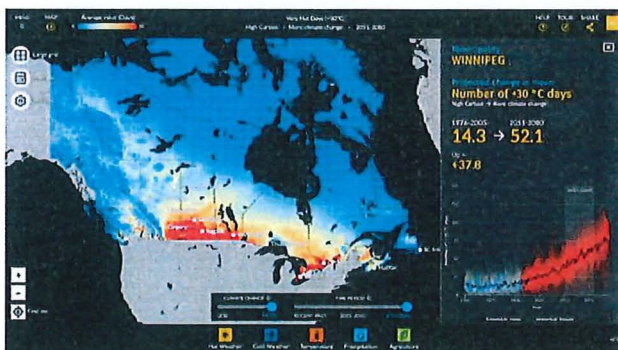
Advancing Healthy Public Policy

Climate Change, Health Equity, and the Ecological Determinants of Health

Climate change is an urgent health equity issue. The National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health have a [curated reading list](#) and a [blog post](#) about the health impacts of climate change, how climate change increases health inequities, and what organizations can do.



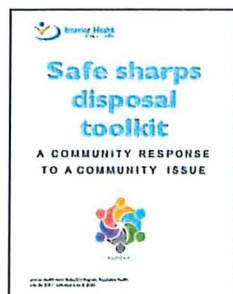
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You might want to check out [Climate Atlas of Canada](#) at the same time. The Climate Atlas of Canada is a unique climate information website as it combines climate science, mapping and storytelling to bring the global issue of climate change closer to home for Canadians. These tools intend to support the needs of diverse audiences, including the general public, policy analysts, and decision-makers.

BC's Opportunity to Move Towards Watershed Security

How land and water are used, governed and protected is often at the nexus of the many dire and persistent challenges communities are increasingly facing. Water and healthy, functioning watersheds are the basis for satisfying our most fundamental health needs, including drinking water, sanitation, food production, climate resilience and economic activity — which includes tourism, resource extraction, and small business. Read the [piece in Policy Options](#).

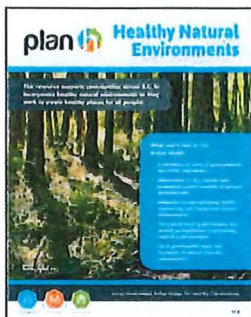


New Resources on Safe Needle Disposal

The IH Harm Reduction Program has developed resources to support our staff and community partners in responding to questions or concerns about improperly disposed of sharps (needles). These resources are meant to support you in your work and we encourage you to share them. Here is the [updated Safe Sharps Disposal Toolkit](#) and [more information on our website](#).

Community Planning With Health in Mind

A healthy community is when the built, social, economic, and natural environments are well balanced to allow people the opportunity to live to their full potential and come together to make their community better for themselves, their family, friends, neighbours and others. Sharing your ideas, visions, and views during an Official Community Plan (OCP) process is a perfect opportunity to [engage in local government planning to help shape your community](#).

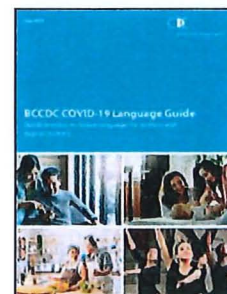


NEW! PlanH Healthy Natural Environments Action Guide

[This guide](#) is for local governments across the province working to create healthy, equitable natural spaces. Community planning that improves the condition and accessibility of a natural environment positively impacts a community's health. This resource encourages local governments to plan for sustainable land use and equitable access to the natural environment by exhibiting the benefits of healthy natural environments and showcasing innovative examples of positive change occurring across the province.

New Language Guide Helps to Destigmatize COVID-19

When we write or speak, the words we choose have the power to respectfully and accurately represent people and ideas that help foster and maintain good relations with others. Words also have the power to perpetuate ignorance and bias. [A COVID-19 Language Guide](#), developed by the BCCDC, aims to assist with COVID-19 messaging and content development by using positive, acknowledging, and inclusive, rather than potentially stigmatizing language that may provoke fear. The guide also provides many examples of inclusive, non-stigmatizing language for other situations and identities.



Funding News

Active Transportation Planning Grant

The intent of the [Active Transportation Planning program](#) is to support local governments to incorporate or enhance active transportation components of formal planning documents (Official Community Plan, Sustainability Plan, Neighbourhood Plan, or Transportation Plan), including research, consultation, and policy development. Funding is provided by the Province of BC.

Local governments with a population up to 25,000 that meet the grant criteria are eligible for up to \$10,000 toward their active transportation planning costs. **The application deadline is October 30, 2020.**

Investing in COVID-19 Community Resilience

A new temporary [COVID-19 Resilience stream](#), has been created to provide communities with added flexibility to fund quick-start, short-term projects that might not otherwise be eligible under the existing funding streams.

The new stream will support the following types of projects:

- Retrofits, repairs and upgrades for municipal, territorial, provincial and Indigenous buildings, health infrastructure and schools;
- COVID-19 response infrastructure, including measures to support physical distancing;
- Active transportation infrastructure, including parks, trails, foot bridges, bike lanes and multi-use paths; and
- Disaster mitigation and adaptation projects, including natural infrastructure, flood and fire mitigation, and tree planting and related infrastructure.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program – British Columbia

The [BC Government](#) is now accepting applications from local governments, community groups and First Nations to help strengthen community infrastructure throughout British Columbia.

The funding targets projects in four key areas:

1. [Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure](#) – Intake open until **October 1, 2020**;
2. [Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure](#) – Intake open until **October 22, 2020**;
3. [Green Infrastructure: Climate Change Mitigation](#) - CleanBC Communities Fund - Intake open until **November 12, 2020**;
4. Public Transit (more information to come)

Find out more about the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program [here](#).

Community Housing Fund – Program and Proposal Process

The Government of BC is inviting non-profit and Indigenous housing societies, First Nations, housing co-operatives and municipalities to propose new affordable housing projects for the second intake of the Building BC: Community Housing Fund. Organizations are invited to submit project proposals to BC Housing beginning on May 27, 2020. **The RFP will remain open until mid-January 2021**; however, organizations are encouraged to apply early as an initial round of projects will be approved in fall 2020. Read the [media release here](#) and check out all the [information on their website](#).

Sincerely,

Your Healthy Communities Team

healthycommunities@interiorhealth.ca

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For Immediate Release | Sept. 23, 2020

COVID-19 exposure at Coldwater pub in Merritt

MERRITT – Interior Health is advising anyone who attended **the pub** in the Coldwater Hotel on Sept. 19 between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. that they may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Public health officials are asking people at the pub during this time period to self-monitor for signs of COVID-19 and to get tested if they begin to exhibit symptoms. Public health contact tracing is underway and, where possible, IH is reaching out directly to individuals who have been exposed.

Individuals seeking a test should call their primary care provider (family physician or nurse practitioner) or the closest [Interior Health community testing and assessment centre](#).

COVID-19 testing

Testing is recommended for anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, including:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Other milder symptoms may include: runny nose, fatigue, body aches (muscles and joints aching), diarrhea, headache, sore throat, vomiting and red eyes.

IH reminds everyone of the importance of following COVID-19 precautions:

- Stay home and avoid travel if you have symptoms, even mild ones.
- Maintain physical distancing (two metres apart) and use masks when distancing is not possible.
- Wash your hands regularly and do not touch your face.
- Do not plan or attend gatherings of more than 50 people. Limit gatherings to out of doors whenever possible.

Information on public exposures to COVID-19 within the Interior Health region is available here: <https://news.interiorhealth.ca/news/public-exposures/>.

Take the COVID-19 self-assessment test at <https://bc.thrive.health/>.

Answers to frequently asked questions are available on the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control website, available here: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/common-questions>.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



**Council of Senior Citizens'
Organizations of B.C.**

Representing Seniors since 1950

www.coscobc.org

September 2, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Observation of the UN International Day of Older Persons -October 1st

Established in 1950, the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations (COSCO) of BC is an umbrella, volunteer run organization made up of many seniors' organizations and individual associate members. Registered under the Societies Act since 1981, COSCO has grown and now represents approximately 80,000 seniors in BC.

Our mandate is to promote the well-being of seniors and their families, advocating for policies that allow seniors to remain active, independent, and fully engaged in the life of our province. The organization is non-partisan, but politically active, advocating for seniors' needs no matter who is in power. Our motto is "Plan with seniors not for them".

COSCO invites you, the civic leaders to help celebrate the

UN International Day of Older Persons (UNIDOP) 2020

Theme: "Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Aging?"

"The year 2020 marks the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations and the 30th Anniversary of the International Day of Older Persons (UNIDOP). This year has also seen an emergence of COVID-19, that has caused an upheaval across the world. Considering the higher risks confronted by older persons during the outbreak of pandemics such as COVID-19, policy and programmatic interventions must be targeted towards awareness of their special needs. Recognizing older persons contributions to their own health and the multiple roles they play in the preparedness and response phases of current and future pandemics is also important." (United Nations For Ageing)

"The UNIDOP 2020 event will also promote the *Decade of Healthy Ageing* (2020-2030) and help to bring together UN experts, civil society, government and the health professions to discuss the five strategic objectives of the *Global Strategy and Action plan on Aging and Health* while noting the progress and challenges in their realization." (United Nations For Ageing)

"The objectives of UNIDOP 2020 are to:

- 1) Inform participants about the strategic objectives for the Decade of Healthy Ageing
- 2) Raise awareness of the special health needs of older persons and of their contributions to their

own health and to the functioning of the societies in which they live

- 3) Increase awareness and appreciation of the role of the health care workforce in maintaining and improving the health of older persons, with special attention to the nursing profession
- 4) Present proposals for reducing the health disparities between older persons in the developed and developing countries, so as to "Leave no one behind"
- 5) Increase understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on older persons and its impact on health care policy, planning, and attitudes." (United Nations For Ageing)

Two ways that we ask you to consider to celebrate the IDOP are:

- 1) Publicly proclaim/declare your support of the IDOP 2020 (Please refer to attached sample proclamation.)
- 2) Prominently display the UNIDOP flag for October 1st 2020 if you have one

We are pleased that for the past two years, the Province of British Columbia proclaimed that October 1st would be known as "International Day of Older Persons". They have been asked by COSCO to do so again this year. We would like the BC city, township, village and district councils to follow suit. For those councils that are able, declarations are preferred over proclamations as they are ongoing. Please let us know if your council has already made a declaration in the past and if you will be making either an IDOP proclamation or declaration for IDOP 2020 and if you will be flying the UNIDOP flag this year.

If there is any question about this request, please contact Agnes Jackman at cell# 604-376-5188; 821 20th Street, New Westminster, BC, V3M 4W7; or agnes.jackman@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Agnes Jackman, Board Member, COSCO

United Nations International Day of Older Persons, October 1, 2020

Draft Proclamation:

WHEREAS this 30th Anniversary of the United Nations International Day of Older Persons (UNIDOP) celebrates the importance of the 72nd anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reaffirms the commitment to promoting the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by older persons, and

WHEREAS the 2020 International Day of Older Persons has as its theme "Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Aging?" and focuses on raising awareness of the needs of older persons and of their contributions to their own health and to the functioning of the societies in which they live, and

WHEREAS growing older does not diminish a person's inherent dignity and fundamental rights, and

WHEREAS more than 40 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, issues of human rights for older persons were taken up in 1991 in the formulation of the United Nations Principles for Older Persons, which provided guidance in the areas of independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment and dignity, and

WHEREAS in 2002, governments for the first time agreed to link questions of aging to other frameworks for social and economic development and human rights, and

WHEREAS the interdependence between older persons' social integration and the full enjoyment of their human rights cannot be ignored, as the degree to which older persons are socially integrated will directly their dignity and quality of life;

NOW KNOW YE THAT, We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 1, 2020 shall be known as

"International Day of Older Persons"

in the _____.

Respectfully submitted by,
Agnes Jackman, COSCO Board Member

Caylee Simmons

From: Caylee Simmons
Sent: September-11-20 9:01 AM
To: Agnes Jackman
Subject: RE: COSCO's requests re 2020 UNIDOP to BC city, township, village & district councils

Good Morning Agnes Jackman,

We are in receipt of your email dated September 10, 2020, requesting a proclamation for UN International Day of Older Persons on October 1, 2020.

Your email will be included in the Informational Correspondence section of the September 28, 2020 Regular Council Agenda. Salmon Arm Council. At the Regular Meeting of June 23, 1998, Council resolved to discontinue issuance of proclamations.

On behalf of Council of the City of Salmon Arm, we do understand the importance and wish you much success in your efforts to raise awareness.

Kind Regards,

Caylee Simmons | Executive Assistant
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E csimmons@salmonarm.ca | W www.salmonarm.ca



From: Agnes Jackman <agnes.jackman@gmail.com>
Sent: September-10-20 7:24 PM
To: info@powellriver.ca; cityclerk@princegeorge.ca; cityhall@princerupert.ca; admin@princeton.ca; office@queencharlotte.ca; mark.read@radiumhotsprings.ca; admin@revelstoke.ca; cityclerk@richmond.ca; cityhall@rossland.ca; clerksec@saanich.ca; cao@salmo.ca; Caylee Simmons <csimmons@salmonarm.ca>; village@saywardvalley.ca
Subject: COSCO's requests re 2020 UNIDOP to BC city, township, village & district councils

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please refer to the below attachments re the Council of Senior Citizens' Organizations (COSCO) requests in regards to the October 1st, 2020 UN International Day of Older Persons.

Yours truly,
Agnes Jackman, Board Member, COSCO
604-376-5188

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From: Organics Infrastructure Program ENV:EX
Sent: September-18-20 2:05 PM
To: Organics Infrastructure Program ENV:EX
Subject: Funding Opportunity - Organics Infrastructure and Collection Program

Good afternoon,

We are pleased to announce a new funding program for organics diversion in BC.

The CleanBC – Organics Infrastructure and Collection Program (OICP) will provide up to \$25.7 million to BC communities to develop or expand their ability to divert organic waste from landfills. The CleanBC-OIC program offers two streams of funding: (1) organic waste processing infrastructure projects, and (2) residential curbside collection programs.

Eligible applicants include Indigenous governing bodies, regional districts and municipalities. Funding will be provided through cost-sharing arrangements, with the province providing up to two-thirds of eligible project costs and applicants contributing the remainder. The full announcement can be read [here](#).

The application phase will open on October 1, 2020. Please visit the OICP website ([here](#)) to learn more.

Following the application opening, the Province plans to deliver webinars to provide further background and support funding applications. If you are interested in attending one of these webinars please send an email to organicsfund@gov.bc.ca with the subject line: OICP webinar.

Thank you.



David Oberg
Environmental Management Analyst
Clean Communities | Environmental Standards Branch
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
☎ 236 478-0322 | David.Oberg@gov.bc.ca

New actions announced under CleanBC Plastics Action Plan on Sept 12! [Learn more.](#)



September 23, 2020

Ref: 239048

His Worship Alan Harrison
Mayor of the City of Salmon Arm
Email: aharrison@salmonarm.ca

Dear Mayor Harrison:

I am writing to thank you for meeting via conference call on September 16, 2020. It is unfortunate that we were unable to meet in person and I look forward to the next time we can see each other.

With the current pandemic, all levels of government have faced challenges never before experienced and I have been pleased to see the innovation, flexibility and collaboration undertaken to ensure that communities and families across the province have the supports required to navigate through these unfamiliar times.

I appreciate you sharing your concerns about the need for a new school in your community and the questions you had around process. I hope the overview of how requests move through the various approvals proved useful in answering your questions, and I encourage you to remain connected with School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) to identify any community needs that could be supported by the recent federal funding they received.

If you have any questions or concerns related to education at the local level, I encourage you to reach out and contact your local School District.

Thank you again for meeting and sharing your concerns. Your support and commitment to students in your community is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

D. Scott MacDonald
Deputy Minister

pc: Amanda Krebs, Board Chair, SD83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)

September 10, 2020

Salmon Arm Fire Department
PO Box 40
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

Dear Chief & Members:

I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize and thank you for the support from you and your team during the recent Christie Mountain wildfire.

It is difficult to put in words the appreciation that is felt when individuals put themselves in harm's way to protect and save others. It is yet a further level of commitment when you travel beyond your own community to assist others. Your contribution was instrumental in reducing damage, or potential damage, from the fire. Many citizens were very concerned with the fire being so close to homes, and it is a great relief to have dedicated firefighters available at a moment's notice to assist our own fire departments in protecting the community.

On behalf of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Board of Directors, staff and residents, I offer a sincere thank you for your commitment to the safety and protection of the citizens of the Region.

Yours truly,


Karla Kozakevich, Chair

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Jonathan X. Côté
Mayor

September 15, 2020

The Honourable John Horgan, MLA
Premier of British Columbia
West Annex, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Via Email: Premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier,

Re: Universal access to no-cost prescription contraception

At a meeting on September 14, 2020, New Westminster City Council passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS cost is a significant barrier to people accessing contraception, particularly to people with low incomes, youth, and people from marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS providing free prescription contraception has been shown to improve health outcomes for parents and infants by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancy, and is likely to reduce direct medical costs on the provincial health system; and

WHEREAS contraceptive methods such as condoms or vasectomies are available at low cost, no cost, or are covered by BC's Medical Services Plan, whereas all contraceptive methods for people with uteruses (such as birth control pills, intrauterine devices, or hormone injections) have high up-front costs, making access to contraception unequal and gendered;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the City of New Westminster write to the Provincial Minister of Finance, the Provincial Minister of Health, the Premier of BC, and the local MLA supporting universal no-cost access to all prescription contraception available in BC under the Medical Services Plan; and

THAT this letter be forwarded to all BC municipalities asking to write their support as well.

We appreciate your consideration of this important matter.

Yours truly,



Jonathan X. Cote
Mayor

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